

HB 1009 -- 911 COORDINATOR DESIGNATION

SPONSOR: Lauer

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Standing Committee on Crime Prevention and Public Safety by a vote of 9 to 0. Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Committee on Consent and House Procedure by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill requires the Committee For 911 Service Oversight to designate a state 911 coordinator who shall be responsible for overseeing statewide 911 operations and ensuring compliance with federal grants for 911 funding.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this would give us the opportunity to obtain federal grant money, which we have not been able to do because we do not have a 911 coordinator. The position would help provide information to the state legislature on the state of 911 in Missouri. There is a lot of data that is difficult to compile now, so a centralized position would be very helpful. This would also help Missouri move toward Next Generation 911 in a more organized fashion.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Lauer; Mid-America Regional Council; and Kevin Merritt, Missouri Sheriff's Association.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.